

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

10:00 am Worship



Palm
SUNDAY



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

SHARE GOD'S WORD | SHOW GOD'S LOVE | SERVE GOD'S WORLD

This Week at MLC

Monday, March 25

9:00 am - Giving Quilters
6:30 pm - Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 26

8:30 am - "Piece" Corp Quilters

Wednesday, March 27

6:15 pm - Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 - Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 28

6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, March 29

Office closed
12:00 pm - Good Friday Worship
7:30 pm - Prayer Around the Cross

Saturday, March 30

5:00 pm Easter Worship

Sunday, March 31

8:00 am - Easter Worship
9:15 am - Facetime
10:00 am - Easter Worship

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Preacher - Pastor Kelli Schmit

Assisting Minister - Paul Hundt

Lector - Paul Hundt, Sarah Schutt
Musicians - Kate Kroes, Chris Landerud,
Deb Nygaard

Ushers - Deb Alber, Bill Alber, Scott,
Joe D'Amato

Communion - Brenda Moen,
Deb Hettrick

Sacristans - Deb Alber, Kathy Buechel
AV -

Door Close - Barb Doran
Pianist - John Scoville

Gathering

A time to prepare ourselves for worship.

Please remember to silence your cell phones.

WELCOME

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL LITURGY

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 11:1-11 (NRSV)

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

L: The Lord be with you

C: And Also with you

L: Let us pray: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

L: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of Christ. Amen

PROCESSIONAL SONG
"Hosanna"

**Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You**

**Chorus
'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away**

**Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus**

**Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new**

**Chorus
Hosanna Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus**

Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna

**P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
C: Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L: Let us pray.
C: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO MARK

(Moment for silent prayer)

THE BETRAYAL OF JUDAS

(Silence)

THE LAST SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

C: Thanks be to God.

THE DISTRIBUTION

You are welcome at this table, the Lord's Table. Jesus is fully present to each of us in the bread and the wine. Please come forward to receive this gift of grace. If you would prefer gluten free or grape juice, please let your server know. This gift is "for you." A blessing will be given to those of any age who come forward and do not commune. The ushers will direct you as to how and when to come forward.

Oh Lord You've searched me
You know my way
Even when I fail You
I know You love me

Your holy presence
Surrounding me
In every season
I know You love me
I know You love me

Chorus

**At the cross I bow my knee
Where Your blood was shed for me
There's no greater love than this
You have overcome the grave
Your glory fills the highest place
What can separate me now**

"At The Cross"

**You go before me
You shield my way
Your hand upholds me
I know You love me
I know You love me**

Chorus

**You tore the veil
You made a way
When You said that
It is done
(Repeat)**

**And when the earth fades
Falls from my eyes
And You stand before me
I know You love me
I know You love me**

Chorus (repeat)

THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

(Silence)

GETHSEMANE

"Go To Dark Gethsemane" (ELW 347, Verses 1-2)

**Go to dark Gethsemane
All who feel the tempter's power
Your Redeemer's conflict see
Watch with him one bitter hour
Turn not from his griefs away
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray**

**Follow to the judgment hall
View the Lord of life arraigned
Oh, the wormwood and the gall**

**Oh, the pangs his soul sustained
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss
Learn from him to bear the cross**

(Silence)

JESUS' TRIAL

“What Wondrous Love Is This” (ELW 666, verses 1 & 3)

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul
What wondrous love is this, O my soul
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing
to God and to the Lamb I will sing
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing
while millions join the theme, I will sing.**

(Silence)

PETER'S DENIAL

“Our Father, We Have Wandered” (ELW 606, verses 1 & 3)

**Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face
In foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace
But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame
As, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name**

**O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored
Compassionate, forgiving, and ever-caring Lord
Grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace**

(Silence)

JESUS BEFORE PILATE

(Silence)

JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (ELW 351, Verses 1 & 2)

**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine
Yet, though despised and glory, I joy to call thee mine**

**How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn
How does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain**

(Silence)

JESUS' DEATH

“Were You There” (ELW 353, verses 1 & 5)

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

(Silence)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Hear us, O God, {following each prayer petition}

C: **Your mercy is great.**

OFFERING

"Why"

Deb Nygaard and John Scoville

OFFERING PRAYER

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to our neighbors

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

"Above All"

**Above all powers, above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began**

**Above all kingdoms above all thrones,
Above all wonders the word has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what You're worth**

**Crucified and laid behind the stone
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me, above all
(repeat entire song)**

**Crucified and laid behind the stone
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me, above all**

**Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all**

SENDING

A: Go In peace. Christ Is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

MLC QR Code for Financial Giving



Welcome, Guests!

We love having guests at MLC, and we welcome you to participate fully in worship with us today! Please allow us to thank you for worshiping with us by completing a "Welcome to Worship" card in front of you in the pew-chair racks. You can put the card in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher. Thank you, and we invite you to join us again. May God bless and keep you!

Latest News

Altar Flowers and communion wine are given in memory of **Leonard Lane** by Beverly Lane.

Last week's attendance:

Saturday 5:	25
Sunday 8:	72
Sunday 10:	103
Total:	200

Congregational Information

Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting is set to take place on Sunday, April 7, from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm, and all congregation members are invited and encouraged to attend. The agenda items for this meeting include a video introduction of our candidate for call, followed by a vote to approve this candidate's call.

Easter Flowers

Donate in honor or memory of a loved one and take home a lovely plant or flower on Easter Sunday! Stop by the Welcome Center to fill out an order. Place it in the offering or leave it in Heather's mailbox by the conference room door by March 24th. Suggested donation is \$15.

No Nursery Attendant

There will be no nursery attendant March 24th or March 31st. The nursery will still be open if families wish to be in there with their children.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Your Thrivent Choice dollars are an opportunity for you to make a difference. Please take a moment to allocate your Thrivent Choice dollars to support the ongoing ministry here at MLC.

The allocation **deadline is March 31st, 2024**. It only takes a few minutes to direct your personal Thrivent Choice dollars. To direct your dollars, please visit www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 before the March 31st deadline.

Thrivent Choice Dollars and Thrivent Action Teams make a huge impact on the ministries you choose to support.

Book Club Schedule

The book club **meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 10:00 am** at the Skaalen Village Clubhouse. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Ackley at 608-838-3329. Hope to see you there.

April 16 - *Finding Me: A Memoir* by Viola Davis

May 21 - *Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations* by Georgina Howell

“The Most Fun You Will Have In A Yellow T-Shirt!”

Please join the Local Missions Committee and volunteer at the Madison Brat Fest on Saturday, May 25 between 10am-2pm, with check-in 20 minutes prior to your shift. **The INITLIVE registration website (see below) goes live on March 15 th at 10AM.** Volunteer shifts fill up quickly, so log in right away at 10AM to create an account and sign up for a slot. Positions are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Minimum age to volunteer is 14. Volunteers receive a yellow Brat Fest t-shirt, coupon good for a free food item, a free scoop of Chocolate Shoppe ice cream, and earn \$10 for every volunteer hour, which will go to McFarland Lutheran Church. More information to come closer to the Brat Fest date. If you have any questions or problems signing up, please contact Paul Hundt at (608) 225 - 0377 or hundtsi1@yahoo.com.

Sign-Up at <https://app.initlive.com/JE/2lh0kiwu5hyftv>

Walk4Water 2024

The Global Mission Team wants to invite a few more people to our innovative and fun W4W planning committee this year! The 2024 Walk4Water will be held Saturday, September 21st at McDaniel Park.

The time commitment is minimal and a lot is accomplished with emails. We meet as needed to establish timelines and divide up assignments. We will also be assembling the amazing and artistic silent auction baskets!

Over the past ten years, MLC has raised enough money to drill nearly eleven bore holes with sustainable wells in rural Ugandan villages. Thanks be to God, our church and the community for bringing safe, clean water to these very grateful people! The need for wells continues as so many people still rely on dirty and unreliable water sources.

We would really love to get some new people involved with planning the Walk. So if you have ever thought "WOW - the people on that committee seem to have such a great time" this is your big chance!

Please contact Gudrun Sindermann with questions, suggestions or to help us out at gudrun1213@gmail.com. Thank You and God's Peace!

Prayer Shawl Workshop

Join us **Monday, April 1st at 6:30pm** for a prayer shawl workshop. These workshops will be held in the Gathering Space. For more information, please contact Norma Kohl.

Women's bible study

First Saturday/month, 7:30 a.m

Come and join the MLC women's bible study group as we delve into God's Word and enjoy fellowship time together. We are meeting on **Saturday, April 6th in room 210.**

Interested? Have questions? Please contact Sheri Gehrke at sherilgehrke@gmail.com.

Men's bible study

First Saturday/month, 7:30 a.m

Come and join the MLC men's bible study group as we delve into God's Word and enjoy fellowship time together. We are meeting on **Saturday, April 6th in room 125.**

Interested? Have questions? Please contact Jeff Gehrke at jeffgehrke59@gmail.com or Scott Potts at scottalan23@hotmail.com

Kids Chorus Will Be Singing More!

Our youngest vocalists shared their musical gifts in worship. It was such a hit that they're invited to participate again!

Rehearsals will be in the sanctuary on Sundays immediately following the 10:00am worship for roughly 15 minutes. Students will sing during the 10:00am worship.

Rehearsals on April 7 and 14. Sing on April 21.

All students are welcome to participate!

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday / 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday / 8:00 am to 12:00 pm



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Worship Services: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am

- Pastoral Team:** Pastor Kelli Schmit*, Associate Pastor
- Lay Staff:** Chris Landerud, Coordinator of Youth Ministries
John Scoville, Organist/Pianist
- Administrative Team:** Rita Jenkins*, Office Manager
Heather Wedan, Administrative Assistant
- Musicians:** Deb Nygaard, Chris Landerud, Kate Kroes
- Custodians:** Ken Brost, Sharon Strattan
- CLM Administrator:** Sara Phelan* 838-4425
- CLM Program Director:** Deb Nygaard
- CLM Preschool Teachers:** Jessica Liston, Jane Updike, Michelle Sampson, Jenny Foye,
Katie Schaaf, Beth Daoust-Miller, Sara Phelan,
Deb Nygaard, Brooke Ruengpinyophun, Kayla Langman
- CLM School Age Teacher:** Hailey Clark, Olivia Schmidt, Ashlee Bittrick, Katherine Houle
Ashlyn Altenberger, Tess Williams, Lily Gallegos
- CLM Childcare Teacher:** Rachel Scott, Kayla Langman, Kaitlyn Ackley

**Designates full-time staff; others are part-time*

2023-2024 Council Members

Doug Buechel	Jane Licht (Secretary)
Wayne Corey	Sharon Mylrea (Vice-president)
Mike Devine (Treasurer)	Scott Potts (President)
Christina Hughey	Jon Schadeberg
Paul Hundt	Sarah Schutt
Erin Kraemer	Carri Wolff
Matt Lancaster	

McFarland Lutheran's Worldwide & Local Partnerships

- Our Companion Synod:** Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church of India
- Our Missionary in Egypt:** Rev. Christie Manisto
- Working Relationships With:** St. Andrews Refugee Services - Egypt
Lutheran Church of the Reconciliation - Puerto Rico
Hope 4 Kids International - Uganda
Outreach for World Hope - Guatemala